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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 706
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Donna Morgan for receiving the Teacher of the Year Award, Grades 5-8.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary professionals who have dedicated their careers to making higher education a relevant and productive learning experience; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Donna Morgan is most assuredly one such superlative educator who is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan was recently honored by her receipt of Tennessee's prestigious Teacher of the Year Award for Grades 5-8; and

WHEREAS, she was deservedly honored for a job well done as the seventh grade teacher for language arts at Indian Trail Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan is a gifted instructor who teaches with great enthusiasm, and deeply cares about her students' education, both in the classroom and in life; and

WHEREAS, Donna truly personifies the spirit of the Teacher of the Year Award, as she inspires her students to imagine a better future and work toward creating a better world by encouraging excellence; and

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WHEREAS, she has 12 years of teaching experience, and received National Board Certification in Teaching in 1999; and

WHEREAS, she also demonstrates her proficiency as a teacher and communicator through her membership on the Teacher Leadership Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morgan earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Concord College, and her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from South Dakota State University; and

WHEREAS, Donna's teaching career began at Campbell County's Children's Center in Gillette, Wyoming; she later taught third grade and sixth grade in Campbell County; and

WHEREAS, she was the assistant director of the Kinder-Care Learning Center in Cordova, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Donna Morgan was named Washington County's Middle School Teacher of the Year and University School's Teacher of the Year in 1997; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we honor Donna's generous dedication to her students and her community, and the positive impact that she has had on the lives of others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate Donna Morgan on her receipt of the 2000 Teacher of the Year Award, Grades 5-8, and commend her on a superlative career as an educator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.